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**SPURGEON'S CONDITION.**  
London, July 5.—It is feared that Rev.

near his end. His physicians sent word  
the deacons of the tabernacle to-day

added increase of congestion in the kidneys having made its appearance, causing nausea and prostration. Everything that medical skill can suggest is being done to

concern the fact that the case is a difficult one and that Mr. Spurgeon is in a critical

condition. The announcement caused a sensation. The scene was an affecting one, nearly everybody shedding tears. fervent prayers were offered that the pastor be saved to continue his great work.

THE IR ELE ALLIANCE.

Paris, July 2.—The *Matin* to-day declares the new treaty of the so-called Druoid suppresses three clauses of the first

compelled Italy to send three army corps to the Alpine frontier in the event of a

compelling Austria to station troops on the Russian frontier in the event of a Russo-German war; and third, the clause fixing the minimum peace forces of Italy and Germany. The three powers, however, are understood to be in agreement in maintaining the integrity of their respective territorial possessions.

London, July 2.—The *New York Herald* Berlin dispatch says it is rumored the German Government has promised the influence of German financiers to assist Italy in her financial difficulties in the event of the outbreak of a Russo-German war. The financial assistance of England is a question, but her tacit support is recognized as extremely valuable, as in the event of war in Europe the central powers would be independent upon the British colonies and America for corn and other necessities, and the allied states of France and Russia.

agreement has been negotiated that the signatures to the Dreihund treaty should

be attached there instead of at Vienna as formerly. The new alliance is based upon three treaties, the new one being between Austria and Italy.

*Rome, July 2.*—The *Observators*, *Romano* to-day strongly condemns the Dreikönig as disturbing the public mind instead of insuring peace, and as guaranteeing to Free Masonry the violent possession of Rome, while making Italy the gendarmerie of Austria in Trieste and the gendarmerie of Germany in Alsace.

In the Commons to-day Ferguson, Under Secretary of the Foreign Office, replying to Lambouche, said that the Government had no information as to the "attribution

of the triple alliance, but had no doubt the Premier Rudini had correctly described in the Italian Parliament the

exchange of views between England and Italy. As to any measures that would be necessary to improve the general status quo in the Mediterranean, it would be a matter for consideration according to the circumstances of the time.

Drawn treaty on Sunday. The *Standard*, Vienna and Berlin correspondents both declare that it is substantially the same as the one which was drawn up by the British and Italian plenipotentiaries.

**ITALIAN MURDERS REPEATED IN AFRICA.**  
LONDON, June 30.—A letter just received from Sierra Leone says that the vigilantes of the Freetown district have been ordered to execute all the prisoners of the war and the consequent inability of the warlike races to dispose of their captives at a profit has caused a rivalry in the most barbarous manner. It is stated that the prisoners are taken to the beach and then blooded which formerly made every chief town of the interior a Golgotha.

Of course, it is said, has again witnessed a similar scene as in the case of the day, and the death drum is heard in the streets even more frequently than before the British-Asiatic expedition.

The savage Wangarns recently made a

the villages and carrying off over 200 captives. They were unable to get rid of the prisoners as slaves, and held a sacrificial feast, which lasted for three days, in which every captive perished, not even children being spared. It is universally admitted in the settlements that the approaching extinction of the slave trade in Western Africa is making warfare more merciless than it used to be.

**Very Difficult Indeed.**—It is easy to tell when a man is flattering your neighbor

**Quotations.**

HONGKONG, July 31, 1891.

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| OPIMUM—New Patna, cash,...      | 490   |
| 11 Old " " " " " "              | 480   |
| 12 New Bonares, cash, 480,      |       |
| 13 Old " " " " " "              | 485   |
| 14 New Malwa, credit, 490       |       |
| Allowance, Taels ...            | 64/80 |
| 15 Old Malwa, credit, 500/540   |       |
| Allowance, Taels ...            | 8/48  |
| 16 Persian, Oily, cash, 350/400 |       |
| Allowance, Taels ...            | 32/36 |

Allowance, Tae S., 64/96

| HONGKONG, July 31.                   |      |
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| On London—                           |      |
| Bank, Wire, ... ..                   | 3/24 |
| On demand, ... ..                    | 3/22 |
| 30 days' sight, ... ..               | 3/21 |
| 4 months' sight, ... ..              | 3/23 |
| Credits, 4 months' sight, ... ..     | 3/25 |
| Documentary, 4 months' sight, ... .. | 3/26 |
| On Paris—                            |      |
| On demand, ... ..                    | 4 07 |
| Credits, 4 months' sight, ... ..     | 4 15 |
| On Berlin—                           |      |
| On demand, ... ..                    | 3 57 |
| On New York—                         |      |

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| Credits, 60 days' sight, | ... | 80 |
| On Bombay--              |     |    |

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| On demand, ... ..                        | 22 1/2     |
| On Calcutta, ... ..                      | 22 1/2     |
| Wires, ... ..                            | 22 1/2     |
| On demand, ... ..                        | 22 1/2     |
| On Shanghai, ... ..                      | 22 1/2     |
| On demand, ... ..                        | 7 1/2      |
| 30 days' sight, private paper, ... ..    | 7 1/2      |
| Gold dust, 100 lbs, ... ..               | \$25 40 p. |
| Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) \$ 6 1/2 |            |

**Temperature.**

*(Taken at Messrs Fulcrum & Co.'s  
Premises, Queen's Road.)*

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|--------------------------------|-------|
| BAROMETER—0 A.M., ... ..       | 29.67 |
| Do. 4 P.M., ... ..             | 29.66 |
| Do. 4 P.M., ... ..             | 29.65 |
| Thermometer—0 A.M., ... ..     | 81    |
| Do. 1 P.M., ... ..             | 83    |
| Do. 4 P.M., ... ..             | 85    |
| Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M., ... ..  | 78    |
| Do. 1 P.M., ... ..             | 79    |
| Do. 4 P.M., ... ..             | 78    |
| Do. Maximum, ... ..            | 86    |
| Do. Minimum over night, ... .. | 81    |



